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-- UNGA - RECALL ROMULO'S LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

-- LAW OF SEA - THE PHILIPPINES IS ASSERTING ITS STATUS AS AN ARCHIPELAGO STATE; IN TALKS LAST SPRING THEY REJECTED A U.S. OFFER TO RECOGNIZE AN ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT REASONABLY DEFINED AND PROVIDING FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF ARCHIPELAGO WATERS AND INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. WE URGE THAT THEY RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION AS THE FINAL SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE APPROACHES.

-- U.S.-PHILIPPINE RELATIONSHIP - WE STAND BEHIND OUR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY COMMITMENTS, AND LOOK TO CONTINUED CLOSE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

-- CAMBODIAN AND KOREAN ISSUES - WE SHOULD THANK ROMULO FOR THE PHILIPPINES' EFFECTIVE WORK IN THE ASIAN WORKING GROUP ON CAMBODIA AND THE KOREAN WORKING GROUP, AND FOR THE PHILIPPINES' FIRM SUPPORT ON THE CAMBODIAN AND KOREAN ISSUES.

-- UN SPEECH -- ROMULO CALLED FOR A WORLD FOOD RESERVE AND COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC MEASURES, RECALLED THAT IN 1947 HE HAD SPOKEN AGAINST THE PARTITION OF PALESTINE, REAFFIRMED PHILIPPINE OPPOSITION TO THE CHALLENGE TO THE CREDENTIALS OF CAMBODIA, AND, PLEDGING GOP SUPPORT FOR UNIFICATION, ENDORSED THE ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO THE UN.

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